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I. INTRODUCTION

Microsoft's claim construction positions derive from a single underlying premise: the details of the "VDE" embodiment described in the specifications must be read into every claim, and every claim element must be interpreted so as to include all of the VDE limitations.

According to Microsoft, this is so because the patents "promise" an extremely high degree of security ("truly secure") that Microsoft alleges can only be supplied by the VDE embodiment.

Microsoft acknowledges, however, that the patents describe varying levels of security, ranging from the extremely high degree of security provided by the "truly secure" embodiment to much lower levels of security. The patents refer to all of these levels of security as "secure," and each of them represents a degree of security appropriate to particular circumstances. Microsoft's constructions exclude all levels of security other than the extremely high "truly secure," not because the claims specify this high level of security (they are silent regarding the particular level of security required and do not mention "true" security), not because the specification requires such an interpretation (it describes varying degrees of security) and not because the ordinary meaning of the claim terms requires such an interpretation (Microsoft acknowledges its definition of "secure" is not standard).

Instead, Microsoft excludes all levels of security other than the highest possible level because, according to Microsoft, only the highest possible level is consistent with the "VDE invention." Microsoft contends that lower security embodiments should be ignored during claim construction, because in some places the specification uses the word "invention" in combination with VDE, thereby allegedly requiring that 115 pages, including "literally hundreds" of limitations, be read into every claim.

Microsoft's requirement that the "VDE invention" be imported into every claim leads

Microsoft to claim constructions that directly contradict the definition given to the same terms in
the specification. For example, the specification describes two embodiments of "tamper resistant
barrier," a higher-security hardware embodiment and a lower-security software embodiment.

Both of these embodiments are identified in the specification as a "tamper resistant barrier."

Microsoft, however, demands that the claim term "tamper resistant barrier" be defined to exclude

the software embodiment, since the software embodiment is inconsistent with Microsoft's requirement that VDE "true security" be read into every claim. Similarly, the specification describes two embodiments of "protected processing environment," a higher-security hardware embodiment and a lower-security software embodiment, both identified in the specification as a "protected processing environment." Microsoft's construction of "protected processing environment" excludes the software embodiment, again because this is inconsistent with Microsoft's requirement that VDE "true security" be read into every claim element.

The Federal Circuit has held that claim constructions that exclude disclosed embodiments are "rarely, if ever" correct. Microsoft's "VDE invention" construction of the claims ignores specification embodiments describing levels of security different than extremely secure "true" security, and contradicts the specification's use of the claim terms. Microsoft's construction must therefore be rejected as being inconsistent with the patent specifications.

II. ARGUMENT

- A. Microsoft's Requirement of Absolute, "True" Security Contradicts the Specification.
 - 1. Microsoft's VDE construction requires that the claims be interpreted to require an extremely high degree of security.

Microsoft's proposed constructions require that "each type of property identified in the patents is 'truly secure' against all types and levels of threats identified in the patents." MS Br., 28:1-2. According to Microsoft, this requires that "all users" are "guaranteed that all information, processes, and devices" will have five separate properties "maintained against all of the identified threats thereto." MS Br., 28:2-5. Microsoft justifies this extreme position by arguing that none of the patents excludes what Microsoft characterizes as "true security." MS Br., 28:7-17. Thus, Microsoft's brief includes statements such as the following:

[T]he Big Book promises "true" security. It promises the ability to "prevent" unauthorized uses, etc., and "ensure" that rights will be enforced, and "guarantee" trustworthiness, even when faced with strong, sophisticated attacks against high-value content. Nothing in the claims indicates an inability to live up to these promises and protect such high-value content against such strong attacks.

MS Br., 32:16-20 (emphasis added). See also Id., 3:4-11, 17:4-6.

Microsoft asks that claims be interpreted narrowly so as to exclude all levels of security other than this "true" security, security so high as to amount to an absolute "guarantee" of protection against all threats, "no matter what effort may be made" to break the protection.

2. The specification discloses embodiments that do not require the highest degree of security.

As Microsoft acknowledges, the patents describe a variety of levels of security. Thus, Microsoft states that the patents use "secure" "to mean different things in different places," (MS Br., 25:18-19), and "the term 'secure' is used in the specification to refer to different things in different contexts." MS Br., 27:10-11.

The passage Microsoft relies upon for its requirement of "true" security makes exactly this point:

The SPU 502 may be used to perform all truly secure processing, whereas one or more HPEs 655 may be used to provide additional secure (albeit possibly less secure than the SPE) processing... Any service may be provided by such a secure HPE....

'193 patent, 80:30-36 (JCCS Ex. C, 22(B) (emphasis added).

Other passages similarly indicate that different degrees of protection may be desirable in different contexts:

Because security may be better/more effectively enforced with the assistance of hardware security features such as those provided by SPU 500 (and because of other factors such as increased performance provided by special purpose circuitry within SPU 500), at least one SPE 503 is preferred for many or most higher security applications. However, in applications where lesser security can be tolerated and/or the cost of an SPU 500 cannot be tolerated, the SPE 503 may be omitted and all secure processing may instead be performed by one or more secure HPEs 655 executing on general-purpose CPUs 654.

'193 patent at 80:65-81:8 (JCCS Ex. C, 19(N)) (emphasis added). Additional examples of specification passages describing security levels below the highest level are found at JCCS Ex. C, 19(B), (C), (J), and (M).

Thus, the parties agree that the patent specification describes different degrees of security, including "truly" secure and "less" secure. The word "secure" is used to refer to both of these levels.

3. The patent claims d not specify a high degree of security.

The claims do not require "true" security. Both disclosed embodiments (truly secure and less secure) are within the scope of the word "secure" as used in the specification.

That "secure" is used to refer to different levels and degrees of security supports

InterTrust's definition, since that definition allows such different degrees. Microsoft, however, argues that the breadth given to the term in the specification actually supports reading the most extreme disclosed embodiment into the claims, on the theory that the claims do not "exclude" this embodiment. MS Br., 28:12-13. Microsoft further alleges that the context of the claims requires "true security" against "high-value, strong attack situations." MS Br., 28:9-17.

Microsoft fails, however, to adequately explain how the "context" of any particular claim requires the highest degree of security described in the patent specification. Claim 193.1, for example, involves downloading and playing music. This hardly seems the type of "high value, strong-attack" situation Microsoft describes. Microsoft gives no reason for assuming that the value and potential threats applicable to downloading songs is the same as the value and threats relevant, for example, to corporate trade secrets, nuclear weapons codes, money wire transfers, etc.

4. Microsoft's massive definition of "secure" invites the Court to usurp the jury's role in conducting the infringement analysis.

"Secure" is a general term, and the degree of protection necessary for a system to be "secure" depends on the context. The parties are in agreement on this, as is the specification.

When a claim term is drafted in general terms that may cover a range of circumstances, the Federal Circuit mandates that the Court construe the term generally and leave the question of determining whether an accused product meets that general construction to the finder of fact:

Claims are often drafted using terminology that is not as precise or specific as it might be. . . . That does not mean, however, that a court, under the rubric of claim construction, may give a claim whatever additional precision or specificity is necessary to facilitate a comparison between the claim and the accused product. Rather, after the court has defined the claim with whatever specificity and precision is warranted by the language of the claim and the evidence bearing on the proper construction, the task of determining whether the construed claim reads

¹ InterTrust agrees that the claims do not exclude the "true security" embodiment. That claims do not exclude an embodiment obviously does not mean the claims require that embodiment.

on the accused product is for the finder of fact.

The proper allocation of the tasks of construing a claim and determining infringement in a case in which a claim contains an imprecise limitation is demonstrated by our decision in Modine Mfg. Co. v. United States Int'l Trade Comm., 75 F.3d 1545, 37 U.S.P.Q.2D (BNA) 1609 (Fed. Cir. 1996). In Modine, the patentee had claimed a condenser for an automotive air conditioning system with "relatively small" hydraulic diameters. Id. at 1549. From the specification and prosecution history of the patent, this court concluded that the term "relatively small" should be interpreted as referring to a range of diameters of "about 0.015-0.040" inches. Id. at 1554. Instead of attempting to define that range more precisely, we remanded the case for a factual determination of whether the claim limitation was literally infringed by accused products having diameters ranging from 0.0424 to 0.0682 inch. Id. at 1554-55.

[T]he '886 patent contains some inherent imprecision resulting from the use of the term "consisting essentially of." As PPG points out, it is possible that under such circumstances different finders of fact could reach different conclusions regarding whether the effect of a particular unlisted ingredient in an accused product is material, and thus whether that product infringes. That possibility, however, is a necessary consequence of treating infringement as a question of fact subject to deferential review. It does not mean that the claim was improperly construed as an initial matter.

PPG Indus., Inc. v. Guardian Indus. Corp., 156 F.3d 1351, 1355 (Fed. Cir. 1998) (citation omitted).

<u>PPG Industries</u> is controlling here. "Secure" is a general term, the applicability of which depends on the context. The parties agree on this, and the patents describe different levels of security. The Court should, therefore, construe the term generally, and allow the jury to determine whether, under the particular circumstances, an accused product is or is not "secure."

B. Microsoft's VDE-Based Interpretation Requires Excluding Disclosed Embodiments.

The Federal Circuit is clear on constructions that exclude disclosed embodiments:

A claim construction that does not encompass a disclosed embodiment is thus "rarely, if ever, correct and would require highly persuasive evidentiary support." Vitronics, 90 F.3d at 1583, 39 U.S.P.Q.2D (BNA) at 1578.

Johns Hopkins Univ. v. CellPro, Inc., 152 F.3d 1342, 1355 (Fed. Cir. 1998) (emphasis added).

Microsoft's VDE-based constructions lead to exactly this result.

1. Tamper-Resistant Barrier.

Microsoft argues that "tamper resistant barrier" must be interpreted as a hardware device.

MS Br., 30:22-23. As Microsoft acknowledges, however, "the Big Book also refers to a 'tamper

resistant barrier' which is not a physical hardware device." MS Br., 32:13-14.² In fact, the patent discusses this software embodiment at length, using the phrase "tamper resistant barrier" to refer to it. JCCS Ex. C, 22(B). Microsoft would thus have the Court construe "tamper resistant barrier" to exclude an embodiment identified in the specification as a "tamper resistant barrier." Why? Because defining "tamper resistant barrier" to include the software embodiment is inconsistent with VDE requirements Microsoft seeks to read into all of the claims (e.g., "true security," hardware Secure Processing Unit"). MS Br., 32:13-34:4.³

Microsoft's VDE construction is inconsistent with interpreting "tamper resistant barrier" to include the software "tamper resistant barrier." The Court therefore has a choice: accept Microsoft's VDE argument and construe this term in a manner contradicting the specification, or reject Microsoft's VDE construction and construe the term as it is used in the specification. As the Federal Circuit has held, the former of these approaches is "rarely, if ever" correct.

Moreover, InterTrust is aware of no Federal Circuit case that has ever held that a claim term can be interpreted to exclude, not merely a disclosed embodiment, but a disclosed embodiment that is identified in the specification <u>using exactly the same words as the claim</u> ("tamper resistant barrier"). Yet this is the result mandated by Microsoft's VDE construction.⁴

2. Protected processing environment.

Microsoft acknowledges that the specification discloses two embodiments of a protected processing environment, a hardware-based SPE and a software-based HPE, both of which are

² Microsoft also alleges that the "ordinary meaning" of tamper resistant barrier connotes a physical device (MS Br., 30:24-28), but neither of its experts testifies to this effect, and Microsoft's only support is a misleading citation to Dr. Reiter, testimony that Dr. Reiter explicitly characterized as "an example." Reiter I, 137:22. (Keefe Decl., Ex. E.)

³ Microsoft also alleges in a conclusory manner that a software tamper resistant barrier would be too vague since "there would be no objective measure for distinguishing between a barrier which is tamper resistant and one which is not tamper resistant" (MS Br., 32:7-9), but fails to discuss the lengthy specification disclosure discussing the software tamper resistant barrier (JCCS Ex. C, 22(B)), nor does Microsoft address why a tamper resistant barrier provided by software requires an "objective measure" whereas no such objective measure is required for a hardware barrier.

⁴ Moreover, the claim itself is inconsistent with Microsoft's interpretation. 721.1 recites not one but two tamper resistant barriers, and further recites that they have different security levels. The claim therefore clearly contemplates the possibility that one tamper resistant barrier will be more secure than another. For example, in one obvious embodiment, the first tamper resistant barrier would be hardware (higher security) and the second would be software (lower security).

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 explicitly identified as "protected processing environments." MS Br., 34:3-14. As Microsoft further acknowledges, Microsoft's definition of "protected processing environment" excludes the software-based HPE embodiment. MS Br., 35:3-14.

According to Microsoft, this is mandated for the same reason as exclusion of the software "tamper resistant barrier" from the construction of that term. MS Br., 35:12-14. Again, Microsoft's VDE-based construction requires excluding a disclosed embodiment from the definition of a claim term, even though that embodiment is <u>explicitly identified in the specification</u> using the exact same term, and even though the specification explicitly states that "any service" may be provided by a secure HPE. '193 Patent, 80:35-36 (JCCS Ex. C, 22(B)).

Interpretation of claim terms so as to exclude embodiments distinctly described in the specification is clear legal error, yet this is precisely the result of Microsoft's VDE-centric position.

C. Microsoft's Legal Arguments Are Misleading.

Microsoft's General Claim Construction Legal Analysis cites sources for the proposition that claims must recite the invention described in the specification. MS Br., 9:14-26. Microsoft emphasizes the word "invention" in these quotations, apparently hoping the Court will conclude that these cases and statutes stand for the proposition that, when the specification uses the word "invention," every element described thereafter must be read into every claim.

In fact, none of the cited authority supports this proposition. That claims must recite the invention described in the specification does not mean that when a patent specification uses the word "invention," the specification is automatically imported into the claims. InterTrust cited numerous Federal Circuit cases in its opening brief holding that elements described as the "invention" should not be read into the claims. InterTrust's Opening Br., 9:1-10:24. Microsoft does not even attempt to distinguish this authority.

D. Microsoft's Argument that the Claims Require VDE is Wrong.

1. '193 patent claims.

The '193 patent's claims do not refer to "VDE," nor to any other coined terms, such as "protected processing environment" or "host processing environment." In its attempt to

shoehorn VDE into these claims, despite the absence of any VDE language, Microsoft relies on a variety of arguments that it repeats with respect to the other claims. First, Microsoft argues that the claims require elements that are not present in the claims themselves:

All four '193 Patent mini-Markman claims concern the distribution and protection of digital content, and contemplate multiple nodes and participants. Information is received (possibly from multiple upstream content providers), then stored on a device having unspecified authorized and unauthorized users, and then conditionally transferred to another device having unspecified users.

MS Br., 16:22-26 (emphasis added).

Why are the multiple content providers and multiple users "possible" and "unspecified?"

Because the claims do not require them. The claims do not refer to multiple upstream content providers. The claims do not refer to multiple users of the first device, much less authorized and unauthorized users. The claims do not refer to multiple users of the second device.

The InterTrust claims are silent on these questions. The claims are consistent with multiple upstream content providers, but do not require them. The claims are consistent with multiple users of the first device, but do not require them. The claims are consistent with multiple users of the second device, but do not require them.

That claims are consistent with a particular embodiment is hardly grounds for reading every limitation from that embodiment into the claims.

Prof. Maier's Declaration includes testimony that is apparently intended to buttress Microsoft's argument. That testimony is worth quoting in full:

Additional compelling evidence of the presence of the Virtual Distribution Environment can be found in the process described in the claims themselves. For example, '193 Patent claim 1 purports to describes a distribution process involving at least three nodes. Thus, "receiving a digital file" implies, although does not explicitly state, that the digital file must come from some source device or system regardless of the transmission mechanism. Logically, this would be a system other than the "first device" and the "second device" which are described in other steps of the claim. Otherwise, the claim would have questionable utility.

Maier Decl., 23:17-25 (emphasis added).

This is typical of Microsoft's Markman positions in general. Prof. Maier establishes that a "received" digital file must come from somewhere (a point not disputed by InterTrust), but

fails to explain why this is "compelling evidence" that the claims require VDE. Calling something "compelling evidence" does not make it so.

Microsoft's argument proceeds as follows:

This claim language (e.g., "if . . . allows," "determining whether") is not qualified. It implies that if the copying and storing are not allowed, then they are prevented (see Reiter Depo. at 174:1-178:11), no matter what effort may be made to take the unauthorized action. In other words, these claims imply that their "controls" are effective in the face of the attacks identified in the Big Book.

These claimed protections against misuse cannot be achieved by encrypting the content. Encryption would not prevent the content from being accessed, copied, distributed, or stored. For these types of protection, "access control" is necessary. More particularly, the Big Book describes only the complete "invention" as providing such protection against the threats identified in the Big Book. In other words, by promising the type of effective access control protection said to be provided only by the complete VDE, these claims invoke that "invention."

MS Br., 17:4-14.

This passage is typical of Microsoft's reasoning. First, it is almost entirely devoid of evidentiary citations. The only citation that Microsoft makes is to four pages of Dr. Reiter's deposition testimony, testimony that Microsoft has not even put into evidence (it is excluded from the Keefe Decl.). Microsoft's failure to provide this testimony to the Court is understandable, since Microsoft has grossly mischaracterized the passage, in which Dr. Reiter explicitly disclaimed any requirement of absolute protection. Reiter II, 177:18-178:11. Declaration of Jeff McDow in Support of InterTrust's Claim Construction ("McDow Decl."), ¶ 2 and Ex. A.

Moreover, this passage is typical of Microsoft's arguments, since it piles inference on inference, none of them supported in any manner. Microsoft's chain of reasoning is as follows:

- (1) The claims use the words "allows" and "determining," and do not qualify them.
- (2) The absence of qualification means that the protections must be effective "no matter what effort may be made to take the unauthorized action." Microsoft makes this allegation, but does not even allege that one of ordinary skill in the art would have understood the apparently innocuous terms "allows" and "determining" to require absolute protection.
- in the face of the attacks identified in the Big Book." Microsoft makes no allegation that every

attack described in the patent specification is relevant to these particular claims (e.g., music downloading), nor does it explain why every possible attack must be protected against.

- (4) The requirement of absolute protection against all types of attacks "cannot be achieved by encrypting the content. Encryption would not prevent the content from being accessed, copied, distributed or stored." Again, Microsoft presents no evidence for this proposition. Why, for example, would encryption not prevent content from being "accessed?" Microsoft doesn't say. Moreover, the claims themselves don't say anything about either the presence or the absence of encryption, and InterTrust has never alleged that the claims require encryption (nor that they exclude encryption for that matter).
- (5) Since encryption is not sufficient, "[f]or these types of protection, 'access control' is necessary." The claims do not mention "access control." No Microsoft witness testifies that one of ordinary skill in the art would have understood these claims as requiring "access control." Instead, Microsoft imports "access control" into the claims because "access control" is allegedly better than encryption (also not mentioned in the claims) at ensuring the absolute degree of protection (also not mentioned in the claims) allegedly required by "allows" and "determining."
 - (6) Since access control is required, the claims invoke VDE:

Microsoft's argument reaches its conclusion in the following passage:

More particularly, the Big Book describes only the complete "invention" as providing such protection against the threats identified in the Big Book. In other words, by promising the type of effective access control protection said to be provided only by the complete VDE, these claims invoke that "invention."

MS Br., 17:11-14.

This is a masterpiece of conclusory reasoning. "Such protection" is not mentioned in the claims, but is implied by Microsoft. The "threats identified in the Big Book" are not mentioned in the claims, but are implied by Microsoft. The claims do not make any type of "promise."

This is implied by Microsoft. The claims do not mention "access control," either "effective" or non-effective. This is implied by Microsoft.

All of this, it should be recalled, rests on a rather thin reed: the presence of the words "allows" and "determining," in the claims, yet Microsoft provides no basis for concluding that

one of ordinary skill would have interpreted these terms as implying hundreds of VDE limitations.

2. '683, claim 2.

Microsoft's justification for concluding that 683.2 should be interpreted as requiring the "hundreds" of VDE limitations is the following

This claim [683.2] also concerns a multi-node distribution system. Here, "secure containers" and "secure container rules" are distributed amongst various nodes. The claim appears to promise the ability to prevent access to or use of protected information, using the secure containers, secure container rules, and a "protected processing environment." (See Second Mitchell Decl. at 6-7). These protections are not qualified as to the nature or severity of the threat being faced; they impliedly are effective against all threats identified in the patent or Big Book. The only system described in the Big Book or '683 Patent said to accomplish such protections, is the complete VDE. This claim further invokes VDE by using VDE and vague terminology, such as "secure container" and "protected processing environment."

MS Br. 17:27-18:1.

The only support cited by Microsoft for this characterization of 683.2 is the Second Mitchell Decl. at 6-7. Those Declaration pages do not discuss this claim.

Microsoft's key argument is the following: "These protections are not qualified as to the nature or severity of the threat being faced; they impliedly are effective against all threats identified in the patent" Microsoft does not explain why an absence of qualification means the claims require the highest degree of security (as opposed to the lowest, or to the security relevant under the circumstances). Nor does Microsoft explain how this implication can be squared with specification statements that security may be limited, may be broken, or may consist of fewer than all protection mechanisms. JCCS Ex. C, 19(A)-(N), 19(Q)-(T).

3. '721, Claims 1 and 34.

Again, Microsoft's argument consists entirely of conclusory allegations. Microsoft argues that "The '721 Patent purports to improve the Big Book VDE by preventing the use of executable code (specifically "load modules" in Claim 1) except as authorized." MS Br., 18:8-9. No citation is given for this assertion, and Microsoft makes no attempt to tie it to the claims, other than noting that 721.1 recites load modules.

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Microsoft continues by alleging that "Such prevention requires an access control capability." MS Br., 18:9-10. Again, no citation is provided, and neither claim mentions any such capability.

Microsoft then argues that the claims "promise such protections without any qualification." MS Br., 18:10-11. The claims contain no such promises, and Microsoft fails to explain why an absence of qualification requires the highest possible degree of protection.

Microsoft ends by arguing that the claims "invoke the 'invention'" by including the terms "protected processing environment," "tamper resistant barrier" and "security." As is discussed above, the first two of these are described using higher-security and lower-security embodiments, so these terms hardly support a requirement that the claims be interpreted using the highest possible security level. As to the word "security," this is a common word, and Microsoft provides no basis for reading a requirement of "VDE" into this term, other than the implication that VDE is the "context," an argument that is inconsistent with the multiple embodiments disclosed in the patents.

4. Other claims.

Microsoft's arguments regarding the other claims suffer from the same infirmities and should be rejected for the same reasons as discussed above.

E. Microsoft's Bases for Reading the Specification Into the Claims Are Either Mischaracterized or Do Not Apply.

Microsoft identifies various situations in which Microsoft believes that limitations can be read from the specification into the claims. MS Br. at 11:27-14:15. These situations are either mischaracterized by Microsoft or have no relevance to this case.

(1) To provide clarity. Microsoft cites cases for the proposition that, if a particular claim term deprives the claim of clarity, the court may look to the specification for guidance in interpreting the claim. MS Br., 11:27-12:13. Each of the cases cited by Microsoft concerned a particular interpretation issue raised by a particular claim element (e.g., does "automation code" mean particular code in an operating system? (Altiris, Inc. v. Symantec Corp., 318 F.3d 1363, 1374-75 (Fed. Cir. 2003)); does "coupling" require different voltages? (NeoMagic Corp. v.

Trident Microsystems, Inc., 287 F.3d 1062, 1071-72 (Fed. Cir. 2002)); does "sealingly connected" require misaligned taper angles? (Watts v. XL Sys., Inc., 232 F.3d 877, 882-83 (Fed. Cir. 2000)); does "without significant cross-linking" include a particular type of cross-linking? (North Am. Vaccine v. American Cyanamid Co., 7 F.3d 1571, 1575-76 (Fed. Cir. 1993)). 5

None of these cases involved an attempt by a patent defendant to read hundreds of limitations into every claim, nor to interpret numbers of claim terms using significant limitations that are not tied to any use of the terms themselves in the specification.

(2) Express or implied definition in the patent. Most of the cases cited by Microsoft involve an explicit definition in the patent or file history. Notably, where such definitions have been provided in the present case, Microsoft has chosen to ignore them (e.g., Device Class, Contained).

As Microsoft points out, the cases involving an "implied" definition concerned use of a claim term "throughout the entire patent specification in a manner consistent with only a single meaning." MS Br., 12:19-20. In this case, however, Microsoft makes no attempt to establish that any particular claim terms are used consistently with only one meaning. Indeed, Microsoft regularly notes that the specification uses claim terms in multiple manners, or in a manner inconsistent with Microsoft's proposed interpretation (e.g., "tamper resistant barrier," "protected processing environment").

(3) Important to the Invention. This issue is addressed in InterTrust's opening brief. That specification characterizations of "the invention" do not constitute a magic formula automatically pulling the specification into the claims, however, is made clear by the cases cited in InterTrust's opening brief, each involving specification statements about "the invention," each holding that those statements did not limit the claims. Microsoft does not even attempt to distinguish these cases.

Microsoft's characterization of <u>SciMed Life Sys. v. Advanced Cardiovascular Sys.</u>, 242 F.3d 1337 (Fed. Cir. 2001) is at best disingenuous: "limiting claim term 'lumen' to 'coaxial

⁵ One of the cases cited by Microsoft (<u>Ethicon Endo-Surgery v. United States Surgical Corp.</u>, 93 F.3d 1572 (Fed. Cir. 1996)) is miscited, since the Federal Circuit used the prosecution history,

 lumen' in part because the specification characterized the coaxial configuration as part of the 'present invention.'" MS Br., 13:7-9. In fact, as InterTrust pointed out in its opening brief, the Scimed patent went well beyond characterizing this element as "part of" the invention: the specification stated that the element was present in "all embodiments" of the invention, a statement the Federal Circuit characterized as "the most compelling portion of the specification," a statement that significantly exceeds anything present in the current case. 242 F.3d at 1343.

In addition, the cases cited by Microsoft involved specific issues relating to specific terms (Scimed: does "lumen" mean "coaxial lumen?"; Toro Co. v. White Consol. Indus., 199 F.3d 1295, 1300-01 (Fed. Cir. 1999): does "including" mean "attached?"). Neither case held that statements about the "invention" required that an entire embodiment with hundreds of limitations be incorporated wholesale into every claim.

(4) <u>Distinguishing prior art.</u> Microsoft argues that statements distinguishing prior art may support reading embodiments into the claims. MS Br., 13:10-20. Cases cited by Microsoft generally concern file wrapper estoppel, <u>Spectrum Int'l v. Sterilite Corp.</u>, 164 F.3d 1372, 1378 (Fed. Cir. 1998); <u>Rheox, Inc. v. Entact, Inc.</u>, 276 F.3d 1319, 1325-26 (Fed. Cir. 2002).

The one case cited by Microsoft that does relate to a specification statement illustrates why this doctrine does not apply in the present case. In Innovad, Inc. v. Microsoft, 260 F.3d 1326 (Fed. Cir. 2001), the court construed the claim term "dialer" in light of a specification statement that prior art dialers of a particular type were "useless" for a particular purpose. On that basis, the court concluded that the claim term "dialer" should exclude that particular type.

Here, in contrast, Microsoft points to no specification statement discussing a specific claim term in light of the prior art. For example, there are no specification statements to the effect that prior art software tamper resistant barriers were inadequate for some particular purpose. Nor does Microsoft cite any case standing for the proposition that a general statement about the inadequacies of the prior art and the advantages of an overall embodiment described in

rather than the specification, to interpret the claim element. 93 F.3d at 1579-80.

⁶ <u>CCS Fitness, Inc. v. Brunswick Corp.</u>, 288 F.3d 1359, 1366-67 (Fed. Cir. 2002) includes this factor in a list of possible factors but does not apply it, though it does cite the <u>Spectrum</u> file wrapper language.

the patent requires that every detail of that embodiment be read into every claim. Nor does Prof. Mitchell's testimony about various references fill this gap, since he does not tie his discussion of these references to any particular specification statement that distinguishes them. Mitchell 2nd Decl., 10:17-18:4.

(5) <u>Express disclaimer</u>. Microsoft does not argue that any express disclaimer exists.

F. Microsoft's Argument about the InterTrust Divisionals Misses the Point.

In its opening brief, InterTrust pointed out that the Patent Office's restriction requirement demonstrated that the foundational InterTrust application involved multiple inventions, inventions that the Patent Office expressly held related to separate classes, each shown to be "separately usable." InterTrust Opening Br., 11:5-12:20. This determination rebuts any argument that the original InterTrust specification disclosed only a single VDE "invention."

Microsoft makes arguments in response, but none to the point. Microsoft argues that the Patent Office's restriction requirement is irrelevant because "InterTrust's patent claims are free to recite additional features, which additional limitations may (or may not) make them separate 'inventions' under Patent Office restriction practice. But, that is not the issue here." MS Br., 15:3-7.

Microsoft does not explain why "that is not the issue here," and it certainly seems to be the issue: Microsoft argues that the patents disclose a single, unitary VDE invention, and hundreds of limitations must be read into every claim. Microsoft relies heavily on statements referring to "the invention," and argues that "the invention" must be incorporated into every claim. The restriction requirement, however, makes it clear that references in the application to "the invention" cannot be read as meaning that the application recited a single invention.

Microsoft also points out that divisional patents may end up with claims directed to the same invention, and that in such a case the resulting patents are invalid. Microsoft further argues that, because the claims of the divisional applications were changed, the presumption they were directed to different inventions should not apply, citing <u>Gerber Garment Tech.</u>, <u>Inc. v. Lectra Sys. Inc.</u>, 916 F.2d 683 (Fed. Cir. 1990).

Gerber includes no such holding, nor could it, since the presumption of patent validity is statutory, and cannot disappear merely because a divisional application's claims have been changed. The Court must presume that the Patent Office acted properly in the original restriction requirement, and in issuing the subsequent patents, including the amended claims. Thus, the Court must presume that the divisional applications were originally drawn to different inventions, and that the subsequent patents issuing from those applications were also drawn to different inventions, since otherwise the divisional patents would be invalid, and those patents carry a statutory presumption of validity.

Microsoft characterizes <u>Ballard Med. Prod. v. Allegiance Healthcare Corp.</u>, 268 F.3d 1352 (Fed. Cir. 2001), as follows: "limiting claims of both a patent issued from the parent application and a patent issued from a divisional of such parent to exclude a particular type of valve based on statements made in common specification text and prosecution history of the parent application." MS Br., 15:26-16:2. This is wrong. In <u>Ballard</u>, the Federal Circuit held that statements in a parent prosecution history can serve to limit later patents. 268 F.3d at 1361-62. No issue of statements made in the specification was raised in the case. In particular, the Federal Circuit did not address specification statements about "the invention."

G. Individual Claim Elements.

1. Microsoft ignores ten claim elements.

Microsoft filed a forty page brief, plus two expert Declarations, but neither Microsoft nor its experts have anything to say about ten of the thirty terms at issue in this hearing: (1) Aspect, (2) Authentication, (3) Compares, (4) Derive, (5) Designating, (6) Device Class, (7) Digital Signature/Digitally Signing, (8) Executable Programming/Executable, (9) 721.1: "digitally signing a second load module...." (10) 912.8: "identifying at least one aspect of an execution space required for use and/or execution of the load module."

Moreover, <u>Ballard</u> involved claims interpreted under 35 U.S.C. § 112(6), which are supposed to be limited to the embodiments disclosed in the specification, so this case would be distinguishable even if Microsoft had correctly characterized it. 283 F.3d at 1359-60.

2. Use.

InterTrust's definition is taken from a standard dictionary (JCCS, Ex. C, 23(A)). The Federal Circuit approves using dictionary definitions. <u>Inverness Med. Switz. GmbH v. Princeton Biomeditech Corp.</u>, 309 F.3d 1365, 1369-70 (Fed. Cir. 2002).

Microsoft's argument on "use" is mysterious, as Microsoft concentrates on "encryption," and on a series of alleged InterTrust contentions. MS Br., 20:6, 21:20-25. Encryption appears irrelevant to the proposed definitions, and InterTrust never made the contentions.

3. Copy.

Microsoft responds at length to arguments never made by InterTrust, and ignores
InterTrust's central point: Microsoft's definition would result in a nonsensical interpretation of
193.1, in which a budget for making copies would be used up by "phantom," internal
reproductions that the user would never know existed, much less be able to use. Microsoft does
not attempt to explain how its interpretation would make sense in the context of the claim.⁸

4. Secure/Securely.

Microsoft acknowledges that its proposed definition is neither "standard" nor an express definition from the patent. MS Br. at 28:6-7. What Microsoft fails to acknowledge is that its definition actually contradicts the specification. According to Microsoft, a system is secure only if it protects five separate properties against attack, and only if this protection is 100% effective. As described above (§ II A 2), however, the specification explicitly describes various levels of security, and characterizes them all as "secure."

Microsoft attacks InterTrust's definition, arguing that InterTrust ignores the effectiveness of the efforts taken. MS Br., 26:10-11. In fact, InterTrust's proposed definition requires that the mechanisms employed "prevent," "detect" or "discourage" misuse or interference. A mechanism that fails to perform these functions (e.g., a completely ineffective mechanism) would not be "secure" under InterTrust's definition.

⁸ Prof. Mitchell's commentary on "copy" is similar: a great deal of discussion of this phrase in the abstract, but no attempt to explain how Microsoft's proposed definition would make sense in the context of the claim, nor any attempt to respond to InterTrust's discussion of this in its opening Brief. Mitchell 2nd Decl., 6:23-8:2.

 Microsoft also argues that VDE "promises the ability to prevent" various types of misuse, and that detecting or discouraging misuse is not security. MS Br. at 26:14-20. Microsoft cites no support for this proposition, and it is clearly incorrect. In some circumstances, mechanisms that allow the detection of misuse are fully sufficient for security. For example, technology that made it possible to detect an alteration of a driver's license would render the driver's license "secure," since, although the driver's license could be altered (e.g., to change the birthdate of an underage would-be drinker), the fact that the change could be detected would make it impossible for an attacker to gain any benefit from the misuse.

Thus, one disclosed embodiment of the tamper-resistant barrier "detects tampering and/or destroys sensitive information." JCCS Ex. C, 22(A). It is impossible to read this passage of the specification as requiring any protection mechanism other than "detection."

Microsoft also mischaracterizes Dr. Reiter's testimony, alleging he testified that none of the five listed forms of protection is required. MS Br., 27:1-3. As with so many of Microsoft's citations, however, this one is false. In the cited passage from Dr. Reiter's deposition, a Microsoft attorney asked a series of questions, each question relating to a single mechanism. Since security requires one or more of these mechanisms, but does not require all of them, Dr. Reiter correctly answered "no" when asked whether the claims required each mechanism in isolation. Dr. Reiter was never asked whether at least one mechanism from the entire group was required, and he never testified that security could exist without any mechanism at all. Reiter 202:5-204:14 (McDow Decl., Ex. A.)9

5. Secure Container.

Microsoft alleges that only a single embodiment is disclosed, and that it requires the ACCESS method. MS Br., 29:10-13. This is false. The ACCESS method excerpts quoted by Microsoft are part of a longer passage that is expressly described as being an "an example" ('193 patent, 192:2), and the same passage describes the ACCESS method Microsoft cites as a

⁹ Similarly, suppose a movie theater offered half-price tickets to customers ages ten to twelve, and a particularly obtuse customer posed the following series of questions: "Do I have to be 10 to receive the discount?" "Do I have to be 11 to receive the discount?" "Do I have to be 12 to receive the discount?" The answer to all three questions would be "no," but this obviously

"complicated procedure" and notes that "in many cases" a "relatively trivial" procedure may be used instead. Id. at 192:6-11.

In addition, Microsoft argues that the "access control ability of VDE secure containers" is "critical to VDE's promise to content owners." MS Br., 28:3-7. The phrase "VDE secure container" does not appear in the '193 patent. McDow Decl., ¶ 3. When the inventors wanted to refer to a container in terms of VDE capabilities, they explicitly identified it as a "VDE container" (e.g., JCCS Ex. C, 20(E)). The patent claims do not refer to "VDE containers," but instead refer to "secure containers." Microsoft seeks to confuse this issue by using the phrase "VDE secure containers," in an apparent attempt to mislead the Court into believing that "secure containers" and "VDE containers" are identical. 11

6. Tamper Resistant Barrier.

As discussed above, Microsoft's construction of "tamper resistant barrier" admittedly excludes an embodiment that is referred to in the specification as a "tamper resistant barrier." Microsoft's argument also suffers from other defects. Microsoft alleges that the specification requires a hardware barrier wherever content is "assigned usage control information, or used." MS Br. at 33:10-14. Microsoft quotes several excerpts at length, none of which even mentions tamper resistant barriers, much less excludes software tamper resistant barriers.

Moreover, the term "tamper resistant barrier" is recited only in 721.34. Microsoft rather casually alleges that "all of the mini-Markman claims contemplate one or both of these two conditions" (i.e., assigning usage control information to content or using content). MS Br., 33:10-12. Claim 721.34 has no reference to assigning usage control information or any use of content, nor does it have any language from which such elements can be inferred.

wouldn't establish that the discount is an illusion.

¹⁰ InterTrust agrees that "VDE containers" are one embodiment of "secure container," but this obviously does not mean that all "secure containers" are "VDE containers."

¹¹ Prof. Maier states that "I believe it is apparent that [secure container] is intended to refer to the VDE container." Maier Decl., 22:17-18. He gives no basis for this belief, nor does he explain how "secure container" is used in the specification, other than noting it only occurs twice in the '193 patent. This statement is itself misleading, since it ignores the extensive use of the term in the '683 and '861 patents, both of which include mini-Markman claims using "secure container." McDow Decl., ¶ 5.

In addition, Microsoft's argument that a hardware barrier is required ignores alternative embodiments described in the specification. For example, Microsoft ignores the excerpt cited by InterTrust at JCCS Ex. C, 22(B), which describes a "secure HPE" with a software tamper resistant barrier, and states that "Any service may be provided by such a secure HPE"

Prof. Maier alleges that the "tamper resistant barrier" recited in the claims is referred to as a "tamper resistant security barrier," or a "tamper-resistant hardware security barrier." Maier Decl. 34:21-23. The claim uses the term "tamper resistant barrier," rather than these other phrases. That the specification uses these other phrases to refer to hardware barriers is evidence that the unqualified phrase "tamper resistant barrier" should apply to both embodiments.

Prof. Maier acknowledges that the patent "alludes to" a software tamper resistant barrier, but he states that "the specification gives no indication how to determine what the boundaries of such a 'barrier' might be or how to implement such techniques successfully." Maier Decl., 35:7-10. The quotation (JCCS Ex. C, 22(B)) contains more than an "allusion" to a software tamper resistant barrier, it explicitly describes numerous techniques that may be used to provide one.

7. Protected Processing Environment.

Microsoft's main argument regarding this term is discussed above in § II B 2, and its other arguments amount to quibbles that InterTrust's definition is not specific enough. No claim construction can address every possible infringement issue. As the Federal Circuit has held, if a claim term is reasonably defined in general terms, it is the Court's obligation to adopt that construction, leaving the question of application of the general definition to the jury. <u>PPG Industries</u>, 156 F.3d at 1354-55.

8. Component Assembly.

Microsoft asserts that "In the Big Book the term 'component assembly' (also called 'component') uniformly is used to refer to executable components, which are an assembly of independent, executable load modules and data." MS Br. at 35:12-14. Microsoft provides no support for the assertion that a "component assembly" is also called a "component," an assertion that seems odd, since a "component assembly" is self-evidently an assembly of components.

Microsoft's main argument is that InterTrust's definition would allow the possibility of a component assembly that does not include any executable code. InterTrust did not intend to leave open the possibility that a component assembly might include no programming. InterTrust is willing to amend the third sentence of its proposed construction to read as follows:

"Component Assemblies must include code, and are utilized to perform operating system and/or applications tasks."

Microsoft makes no attempt to otherwise defend its complicated definition.

Prof. Maier's discussion of "component assembly" notes that the specification describes multiple embodiments (Maier Decl., 17:1-3), but appears to consider this to be an improper practice. At a later point in his Declaration, Prof. Maier states that InterTrust's citations relating to "component assembly" all relate to VDE, though he only quotes language from two of these citations. Maier Decl., 27:2-10. Prof. Maier appears not to have appreciated the point of a number of these quotations: that the VDE-related description of "component assembly" is expressly and repeatedly referred to as a "preferred embodiment."

9. Control (noun).

Microsoft's argument includes an analogy relating to librarians, but without any support from the experts or the patents that this analogy is reasonable or correct. Thus, Microsoft argues that "rules" and "controls" should not be equated, on the basis that "rules" are non-executable, whereas controls are "executable." Microsoft presents no evidence for its assertion that "rules" are non-executable, other than the argument that "rules" constitute the "guard" in Microsoft's analogy.

Moreover, the quotations cited by Microsoft in its brief and in JCCS Ex. D do not state that a "control" must be executable, but instead are merely consistent with "controls" being executable programming, as is InterTrust's proposed definition.

Prof. Maier argues that "control" should be interpreted in light of VDE because 75% of the passages cited by InterTrust allegedly relate to VDE. Maier Decl., 28:2-3. Prof. Maier does not explain the significance of this statistic, and it does not seem to have occurred to Prof. Maier that the non-VDE uses constitute evidence that the term should not be limited to VDE.

10. A budget specifying the number of copies which can be made of said digital file (193.1).

Microsoft argues that InterTrust's construction does not specify "since when," "by whom" or "by what." The claim does not require this information, and Microsoft does not explain why a budget must include it.

11. Container.

Although Microsoft discusses this word separately (MS Br., 39:3-7), "container" is not a disputed term, but instead occurs as part of "secure container." InterTrust's definition of "secure container" rests on a definition of "container" from the Microsoft Computer Dictionary and is consistent with use of the term in the mini-Markman patents, and a contemporaneous Microsoft patent. JCCS Ex. C, 20(I), (J).

Microsoft argues that, in the patents, "container" is not used in the manner asserted by InterTrust, citing Alexander Decl. 20(A)-(D). Microsoft provides no explanation for why these passages are inconsistent with InterTrust's construction.

12. Containing.

The patent explicitly defines "containing" as including referencing. JCCS Ex. C, 7(B). Microsoft's argument about the "ordinary meaning" of the term is both unsupported and irrelevant in light of this explicit definition, and in light of the Microsoft Computer Dictionary definition for "container" ("a file containing linked or embedded objects"). JCCS Ex. C, 20(I).

13. Control (verb) / Controlling.

InterTrust's definition comes directly from a standard dictionary. Microsoft's only response is that this is inconsistent with VDE. Microsoft fails, however, to cite any text from the patents defining "controlling" in any particular manner, and the only quotation it includes does not even use "control" as a verb. As InterTrust pointed out in its opening brief, the patents use "control" as a verb in many non-VDE contexts. InterTrust Opening Br., 21:23-28.

14. "Controlling the copies made of said digital file" (193.1).

Microsoft does not attempt to support its proposed definition, which is long and complex.

Instead, Microsoft quibbles about implications arising from InterTrust's construction.

The InterTrust construction is based on the manner in which this phrase is used in the claim, in which it explains the "copy control." See JCCS Ex. A, Row 7. The nature of the copy control is further described later in the claim. JCCS Ex. A, Rows 8 and 9. InterTrust's definition is based on the phrase itself and on its context in the claim, a context Microsoft entirely ignores.

15. "Derives information from one or more aspects of said host processing environment" (900.155).

Microsoft's argument consists of unsupported allegations, including the assertion that a "unique" signature is required, that "the derived information may serve no security purpose at all," and that this "is contrary to the patent." Microsoft's Ex. D evidence for this term consists of 122 separate citations amounting to twenty pages. Since Microsoft's allegations are not tied to any particular text, InterTrust cannot respond, other than stating that any text Microsoft may subsequently identify will simply be an embodiment, since this term occurs frequently in the passages quoted in Microsoft's JCCS Ex. D.¹²

16. Host Processing Environment.

In its opening brief, InterTrust acknowledged that its definition of Host Processing Environment does not include the "insecure" variant, and proposed an alternate definition. InterTrust Br., 36:13-19. Microsoft ignores this, criticizing InterTrust for failing to cover insecure host processing environments. MS Br., 40:10-13. Microsoft otherwise fails to respond to any of InterTrust's points on Host Processing Environment. InterTrust Br., 36:20-37:10.

17. Identifier. 13

Microsoft claims that InterTrust's definition of "identify" is "contrary to the ordinary meaning." InterTrust's definition is from the American Heritage Dictionary. JCCS Ex. C, 17(F).

¹² If Microsoft subsequently identifies particular relevant passages, InterTrust will move to strike those identifications as being inconsistent with this Court's Patent Local Rules. It is one thing to make assertions that are supported by one or two pages of quoted text. It's quite another to make general arguments that are not supported by any individual citations but are instead allegedly supported by twenty pages of block quotes. The Patent Local Rules require the parties to identify relevant evidence. Twenty pages of unexplained quotes do not comply with this requirement.

Microsoft's brief discusses "identifying (identify)," neither of which are terms to be construed in this proceeding. MS Br., 40:14. Since Microsoft also cites the JCCS Ex. A reference covering "identifier," InterTrust will assume that Microsoft is intending to discuss this term, and will respond accordingly.

18. Tamper Resistance.

Microsoft's argument consists of an unsupported assertion ("plainly is not what VDE means by 'tamper resistance'") and a quibble ("more than difficult [sic] than what?"). MS Br., 40:21-25. As to the former, assertions do not constitute evidence supporting Microsoft's construction. As to the latter, more difficult than if the tamper resistance were not present.

Prof. Maier, on the other hand, spends considerable time discussing this concept, including two pages of symbolic logic, apparently intended to prove that tamper resistance cannot include detection of tampering. Maier Decl., 32-34. However, whatever the details of Prof. Maier's analysis, he simply fails to address JCCS Ex. C 21(B), a quotation that explicitly states that a tamper resistant barrier "detects tampering and/or destroys sensitive information." This quotation clearly equates tamper resistance with detecting tampering, and does not require that tampering actually be blocked.

19. Budget.

Although Microsoft's brief does not refer to "budget," Prof. Maier's Declaration discusses this term, though without any citation to the claims or specification. Maier Decl., 17:6-13. Prof. Maier acknowledges that the specification sometimes uses "budget" to refer to data and in other places uses "budget" to refer to executables, but treats this as an "inconsistency" that leads to "confusion" (Maier Decl., 17:11) rather than as multiple embodiments that establish the term can refer to either data or an executable.

20. Clearinghouse.

Prof. Maier alleges that "clearinghouse" has "a specific meaning in the banking and commerce fields." Maier Decl., 24:1-2. Unfortunately, he fails to explain what this alleged meaning might be, or how it would support reading VDE features into the claims. Instead, he cites some quotations from InterTrust, but does not respond to a primary point made in InterTrust's opening brief: Visa and AT&T are identified in the specification as "clearinghouses," yet no one could believe that either Visa or AT&T have the various VDE features required by Microsoft's proposed definition.

H. Testimony Cited by Microsoft.

Exhibit A to the Keefe Declaration contains numerous quotations that Microsoft does not refer to in its brief. Most of these quotations are from inventors or third party deponents. The inventor testimony is not tied to the patents, and "The subjective intent of the inventor when he used a particular term is of little or no probative weight in determining the scope of a claim (except as documented in the prosecution history)." Markman v. Westview Instruments, Inc., 52 F.3d 967, 985-86, aff'd, 517 U.S. 370 (1996). The third party testimony suffers from the same defects as the testimony InterTrust moved to strike in connection with Microsoft's summary judgment motion, and is incompetent for those same reasons.

III. CONCLUSION.

Microsoft's VDE-centric claim interpretation would require the Court to ignore embodiments disclosed in the specification, and to interpret particular claim terms in a manner that excludes disclosed embodiments, a practice the Federal Circuit has held is "rarely, if ever," correct. Microsoft supports this extreme position with conclusory reasoning and egregious miscitations of the record.

Microsoft's claim constructions are longer and more complicated than any constructions ever adopted by any court. Those constructions would read literally hundreds of limitations into every single claim. InterTrust respectfully requests that the Court reject Microsoft's VDE-centric interpretation position and adopt the claim constructions proposed by InterTrust.

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